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SUBJECT: IMPERIAL MEDICAL CENTER OF IRAN

1. MEETINGS TO EXPLORE COOPERATION BETWEEN U.S. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS AND IMCI WERE HELD JULY 6 AND 7. THE MEETINGS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION/ECONOMY AND FINANCE (E AND F) COMMITTEE WERE CHAIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. THE SESSIONS WERE A FRUITFUL FIRST STEP IN ACQUAINTING THE U.S. SIDE WITH IMCI PROGRESS TO DATE AND FUTURE REQUIREMENTS AS NEW FACILITIES ARE COMPLETED. U.S. PARTICIPANTS WERE IMPRESSED WITH SCOPE AND QUALITY OF IMCI PROGRAM AND EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE. THE IRANIAN DELEGATION WAS PLEASED WITH THE HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT THE OPENING SESSION AND APPEARED ANXIOUS TO PURSUE THE
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VARIOUS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS DISCUSSED IN THE WORKING GROUPS.

2. THE OPENING SESSION, CHAIRED BY W. DEAN MORAN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EXPORT DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, FEATURED A PRESENTATION BY DR. A.H. SAMIY, PRESIDENT, IMCI, ON PRESENT STATUS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

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OF IMCI. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY DAN LOGAN, PRESIDENT, MEDICAL PLANNING ASSOCIATES, WHO REVIEWED PHYSICAL PLANT OF THE

CENTER. OTHER REMARKS WERE GIVEN BY DR. PETER BOURNE, ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT ON INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, DR. JULIUS RICHMOND, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH, U.S.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE (HEW), DR. THEODORE COOPER, DEAN, CORNELL MEDICAL SCHOOL AND

DR. MARTIN CUMMINGS, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE.

3. FOLLOWING THE OPENING SESSION, THE PARTICIPANTS WERE SPLIT INTO THREE WORKING GROUPS. A SUMMARY OF THEIR REPORTS FOLLOWS.

4. HEALTH CARE WORKING GROUP: (1) RECOMMEND THAT THE WORKING GROUP IDENTIFY POSSIBLE SOURCES OF MANPOWER TO FILL DIRECTOR OF NURSING AND HOSPITAL DIRECTOR OF IMCI POSITIONS. (2) RECOMMEND THE WORKING GROUP COOPERATE WITH MEDICAL EDUCATION WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY EDUCATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL. (3) RECOMMEND SENDING A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM TO IRAN TO WORK WITH MEDICAL PLANNING ASSOCIATES AND IMCI STAFF TO IDENTIFY SOURCES, COSTS AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT.
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(4) RECOMMEND COOPERATION WITH MEDICAL EDUCATION WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY MANPOWER AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT. (5) IDENTIFY CONSULTANTS AND/ OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS TO ADVISE IN OPERATING AND MANAGING IMCI AND TO RECOMMEND FUTURE TRAINING AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

5. MEDICAL EDUCATION WORKING GROUP: (1) RECOMMEND COOPERATION BETWEEN IMCI AND A U.S. PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENT ENTITY TO DEVELOP AND MANAGE LONG-RANGE PLAN FOR FULFILLING ALL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR IMCI. (2) EVALUATION CAPABILITY FOR IMCI COULD BE DEVELOPED THROUGH COORDINATION WITH U.S. MEDICAL/HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS. (3) ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING IRANIANS

STUDYING IN THE U.S. IS LIMITED DUE TO THE PRIVACY ACT. THE U.S. SIDE WILL PROVIDE A LIST OF JOURNALS AND OTHER MEDICA FOR PLACING ADS. (4) RECOMMEND COORDINATION WITH U.S. MEDICAL/HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN RECRUITING SENIOR STAFF FOR IMCI.

6. RESEARCH WORKING GROUP: (1) THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF

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HEALTH (NIH) AGREED TO COOPERATE IN ANNOUNCING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AT IMCI. (2) SUGGESTED THAT A JOINT COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF IMCI AND NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES BE ESTABLISHED TO COORDINATE EXCHANGE

OF SCIENTISTS AND PLACEMENT OF IRANIANS AT VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR TRAINING IN BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE. (3) NIH WILL COOPERATE WITH IMCI IN ESTABLISHING SCIENTIST-TO-SCIENTIST RELATIONSHIP S. (4) THE FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER, NIH, WITH COOPERATION OF IMCI, WILL DEVELOP INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS

IN IRAN UNDER THE JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF BOTH INSTITUTIONS. (5) NIH WILL COOPERATE IN FACILITATING PARTICIPATION OF UNCLASSIFIED

IMCI IN INTERNATIONAL AND U.S. SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS. (6) NIH AND COMMERCE WILL COOPERATE WITH IMCI IN LOCATING QUALIFIED SUPPLIERS OF PHARMACEUTICALS, RESEARCH EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING FOR MAINTENANCE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT. (7) NIH WILL RECOGNIZE IMCI AS AN IMPORTANT INSTITUTION IN THE AREA OF MEDICAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOR THE REGION.

7. THE CLOSING SESSION HEARD THE ABOVE REPORTS AND AGREED A SUB-GROUP OR GROUPS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE E AND F COMMITTEE TO CARRY OUR THE WORKING GROUPS RECOMMENDATIONS. FINANCING OF PROGRAMS BETWEEN IMCI AND THE U.S. WILL BE DEALT WITH ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: (1) COMMERCE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHO HAS TAKEN THE PLACE OF JALIL SHORAKA AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF E AND F COMMITTEE. (2) EMBASSY SHOULD DISCUSS THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF SUBJECT MEETINGS WITH THE IRANIAN CO-CHAIRMAN OF E AND F COMMITTEE. STATE AND COMMERCE WERE PLEASED WITH THE POSSIBILITIES FOR U.S.-IRANIAN COOPERATION IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IMCI WHICH RESULTED FROM THE MEETING. WE ARE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING THROUGH ON THIS NEW AREA OF COLLABORATION UNDER THE COMMISSION. (3) AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, THE EMBASSY AND TRADE CENTER STAFFS SHOULD CONTACT DR. SAMIY AND HIS COLLEAGUES TO URGE THEIR PARTICIPATION AT THE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT THE TRADE CENTER IN NOVEMBER. COMMERCE WAS ABLE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, INCLUDING THE OPENING SESSION, TO MENTION THE EXHIBITION. CHRISTOPHER

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